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**INFORMATION FROM SQ/LDR FLEET ABOUT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE
(1944)**

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To: MOSCOW

No. 1786

29th May 1944

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Squadron Leader FLEET (MAJOR FLIT) (i) [stated] (a):

It appears that the Germans deliberately communicated to the Swedes in BERLIN the following facts about their Air Force:

1. In GERMANY there are in reserve seven divisions [1 group unrecovered] ([5 groups unrecovered]) [0% in all] operating at night 19[1 group unidentified][b] aircraft.

2. 5th Fleet, NORWAY-FINLAND, [1 group unidentified][b] aircraft.

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3. 1st and 3rd Fleets - fighters 100, bombers [1 group unidentified][b], dive-bombers and [3 groups unrecovered], reconnaissance aircraft [1 group unidentified][b]. [0% In all] [1 group unrecovered] in the two fleets [C% 1,0]00 aircraft.

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4. Air Command [2 groups unrecovered] aircraft [1 group unrecovered] ~~SH-3~~²⁻⁴ Fleet - fighters [1 group unidentified][b], operating at night [1 group unidentified][b], bombers [1 group unidentified][b], dive-bombers [1 group unidentified][b], reconnaissance aircraft [1 group unidentified][b] 0. [0% In all] 965 aircraft [1 group unrecovered] ~~SH~~ Fleet - fighters [1 group unidentified][b] 0, bombers 100, dive-bombers [1 group unidentified][b], reconnaissance aircraft 140,
(87 groups unrecoverable)

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Notes: (a) Inserted by the translator.

(b) Unidentified figure.

Comments: [i] Squadron Leader Donald Hayton FLEET, British Assistant Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[ii] ORR:

i.e. "ORR"; probably Lt. Col. Serefin Efimovich PINTUGIN, Soviet Assistant Military and Air Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

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